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SUBJECT: RFE AND CSCE BASKET III - FONMIN MLADENOV'S CHARGES

REF: SOFIA 101

1. AS POSSIBLE HELP TO EMBASSY IN IDENTIFYING WHAT FONMIN
MLADENOV MAY HAVE HAD IN MIND WHEN HE TERMED RFE "ABSOLUTELY
IRRESPONSIBLE" AND CONTENTED THAT ITS BROADCASTS "INSULTED
AND SLANDERED BULGARIAN LEADERS AND 'BULGARIAN SCARED THINGS,'" RFE HAS REVIEWED ITS BULGARIAN LANGUAGE SCRIPTS FOR PERIOD
JANUARY 1 THROUGH 15, 1977.

2. RFE FINDS NO RPT NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT MLADENOV'S
CHARGES.

3. MLADENOV'S REFERENCE TO SLANDERING OF "BULGARIAN
SCARED THINGS" MAY CONCEIVABLY HAVE BEEN GENERATED BY
ONCE-A-WEEK TWENTY-MINUTE BROADCASTS IN RECENT WEEKS OF
SEMERDZHIEV'S BOOK "GEORGI DIMITROV: MYTH AND REALITY."
SEMERDZHIEV IS FORMER SENIOR PARTY OFFICIAL WHO WENT TO ISRAEL
IN EARLY 1970'S. HE WROTE HIS BOOK IN RUSSIAN AT
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4. ACCORDING TO RFE, SEMERDZHIEV'S VIEWS ON DIMITROV
ARE REASONABLY BALANCED BUT MAY WELL SOUND INCONOCLASIC
TO ORTHODOX BULGARIAN COMMUNITIES. THERE MAY ALSO BE
RECRIMINATIONS IN PARTY CIRCLES ABOUT ORIGINAL DECISION
TO LET SEMERDZHIEV LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

5. RFE'S POSITION IS THAT CONSIDERATIONS IN PARA 4
CANNOT MITIGATE AGAINST PRESENTING BULGARIAN LISTENERS
WITH SOBER VIEWS ABOUT DIMITROV HELD BY A MAN WHO HIM-
SELF WAS PART OF BCP HISTORY -- ESPECIALLY SINCE DIMITROV
HAS BEEN DEAD SINCE 1949.BETTS

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